## JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES

## **SUMMARY**

The San Diego County Probation Department operates five juvenile detention facilities. Youth as young as nine years old have been detained. The typical age range of juvenile offenders in detention is between 13 and 18 years of age.

The juvenile facilities are less formidable than the adult facilities, but detainees must follow strict procedures and obey disciplinary rules. All must attend school five days per week. Three nutritious meals plus snacks are provided daily. Basic health and dental services are available, along with life skills training. Psychological counseling is provided as needed.

The population of the state's juvenile facilities declined during the past five years. This is true in San Diego County.

The San Diego County Probation Department has revised the policies and protocols regarding the use of pepper (OC) spray and focused on preventing altercations. As a result of these changes the use of pepper spray has declined over the last three years.

## **PROCEDURE**

The Grand Jury conducted reviews of the following juvenile detention facilities.

•	Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility	October 17, 2014
•	Girls Rehabilitation Facility	October 17, 2014
•	Rancho Del Campo, Juvenile Ranch Facility	November 14, 2014
•	Camp Barrett Juvenile Facility	November 21, 2014
•	East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility	December 5, 2014

The Grand Jury conducted interviews with the San Diego County Probation Department management and staff during the tour of the juvenile facilities.

# KEARNY MESA JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY AND ADJACENT GIRLS REHABILITATION FACILITY

## DISCUSSION

The 2014/2015 San Diego County Grand Jury visited the Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility (KMJDF) and Girls Rehabilitation Facility (GRF) on October 17, 2014. For FY 2014/2015 the average length of stay at KMJDF is fourteen days while the average length of stay at GRF is forty-five days.

Young men with longer commitment terms are usually assigned to Rancho Del Campo, Camp Barrett or East Mesa Juvenile facilities. Young women stay at the Girls Rehabilitation Facility (GRF) until released.

The average daily population at KMJDF is one hundred seventy-seven, down from two hundred eighteen in 2013. The capacity is three hundred fifty-nine. Juveniles are held at KMJDF and GRF until they are 18 years old. At the time of the Grand Jury visit, the longest term was six hundred eighty-two days.

The Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention facility has 178 sworn probation staff, 166 of which are Correctional Deputy Probation Officers. There are also nine clerical staff and four full time medical personnel. In addition there are 17 administrative staff and four other staff. Due to turnover, approximately 50% of the staff is newly hired and often has little experience.

The Girls Rehabilitation facility has one director, one supervisor, 17 sworn officers, one support staff, 5 medical and one senior probation officer.

Table 1<sup>1</sup>
Incidents (Males)

KMJDF	2012	2013	2014
Suicides	0	0	0
Attempted Suicides	3	3	$22^{2}$
Assaults (Staff)	13	17	6
Assaults (Minors)	31	37	42
O.C. <sup>3</sup> (Non-fights)	38	12	6
O.C. (Fights)	102	67	58
Deaths	0	0	0

Table 2<sup>4</sup>
Incidents (Female)

GRF	2012	2013	2014
Suicides	0	1	0
Attempted Suicides	0	1	1
Assaults (Staff)	0	0	1
Assaults (Minors)	5	0	1
O.C. (Non-Fights)	2	1	0
O.C. (Fights)	2	0	0
Deaths	0	1	0

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sub>1</sub> Information provided by the San Diego County Probation Department.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reports of attempted suicides have increased sharply due to the inclusion of suicidal gestures as attempts as reported by the San Diego County Probation Department.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Oleoresin Capsicum (pepper spray)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Information provided by the San Diego County Probation Department.

**Housing and Recreation:** Most juveniles are housed in single rooms. There are a few dual rooms and, occasionally, on request, group rooms are available for girls.

The housing units are grouped by degree of criminal sophistication or violence. Groupings include ages 10 to 14, medical/mental health, drug related crimes and violent offenders. Accommodations are made for transgender and homosexual youth. Staff members have found that race is seldom a factor in segregating youth, but gang affiliation plays a major role.

On the day of the Grand Jury visit the GRF had three dormitories open. The GRF staff strives to meet the personal, emotional and educational needs of each girl.

The open halls and rooms help eliminate an institutional feel and the building appears well maintained. Staff seems caring and generally supportive of the girls and says the GRF is run as a camp.

The Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility was built in 1954. Some wings were added or expanded in 1979, 1990, and 2000. The building is showing its age. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) posters are displayed in both facilities. There are no toilets in the boy's rooms. Young men have to be escorted to the toilet by a staff member.

The youth are given three hours per day for exercise and recreation during the week and five hours per day on weekends and holidays. The detainees have free access to telephones. Visitation privileges are on Thursdays and Sundays.

**Discipline:** Youth are not allowed to touch others or allowed to talk without permission. They are expected to do their homework.

The facilities are operated on the principle of positive reinforcement. Youth are rewarded for compliance with the rules. They can earn such things as five minutes of talk time (for the girls), extra T.V. time, and extra time outdoors. Room confinements and markdowns have been replaced with writing reports about what the youth did wrong.

Directors refer to what they call Thinking Reports and Thinking Essays in place of other forms of discipline. GRF and KMJDF staffs wholly endorse the concept of positive reinforcement, which teaches accountability, self-esteem and thinking-before-acting.

**Education:** The juvenile detention facilities have mandatory education provided by the Sarah Anthony School, which is accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Two classrooms are on site. The school day is eight a.m. to two p.m., Monday through Friday. The Sarah Anthony School utilizes the A-G curriculum, which meets the requirements for admission to the California State College System. At the time of the

Grand Jury visit, foreign language and Algebra II were not offered at KMJDF, which is a requirement of the A-G curriculum.

The County Office of Education is responsible for the content of the classes and hiring of teachers. All students have mandatory homework every day. Special Education Programs and Individualized Education Programs (IEP) are available.

Computers are available for use in the classrooms and in the common rooms. Students can complete necessary course work through the web based Odyssey program. Advanced students can take college classes online.

Students are encouraged to work on projects after school hours to add to their portfolios. The Playwright Project, Art Collection Project and the Garden Project are examples of programs, which have been featured in the media.

Students completing the course of study graduate from Sarah Anthony School and receive a diploma. They may then enroll in college classes and work toward a two or four year degree. When the teens leave the facility, they take their course work with them. Transition Services assists students in continuing their schoolwork after release.

**Medical:** Upon intake, all boys and girls are screened for medical and psychological problems, fill out a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) questionnaire, list medications they are taking and are tested for infectious diseases. With parental cooperation the juvenile's medical records are linked through San Diego County Public Health Services.

A rapid response team is integral to the facility since teens are often emotionally conflicted. The team consists of nine psychologists, five psychiatrists, one psychiatric nurse and certified social workers. Suicidal teens are placed on "suicide watch" and placed in special rooms for their protection.

The medical unit offers acute and chronic care, urgent care and emergency care. Rady Children's Hospital provides Specialty Services and Testing by contract.

The medical unit treats between 30 and 40 youth a day. Doctors are available four days a week, physician assistants and nurses are available 24/7. Obstetrics and gynecology doctors are available as needed.

The medical team screens for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), tuberculosis and pregnancy. It also gives required vaccinations and vision screenings. Emergency services are available by contract with the UCSD Medical Center.

**Programs:** A broad spectrum of programs is available including:

- Anger management
- Domestic Violence
- Family Reunification
- Sexual Exploitation of Children

- Gang Awareness
- Substance and Alcohol Abuse Awareness
- Work Readiness
- Yoga

- Conflict Resolution
- Running Club
- Gardening
- Breaking the Cycle of Violence
- Certification Courses

**Meals:** Food is prepared at the East Mesa Reentry facility and transported to the KMJDF and GRF facilities. The facility accommodates every special religious and medical diet.

## FACTS AND FINDINGS

**Fact:** The rooms for males have no toilets.

**Finding 01:** Rooms without toilets could create stress and violates the human dignity of the youth.

**Fact:** Due to turnover, approximately 50% of the staff is newly hired and often has limited detention facility experience.

**Finding 02:** The turnover of detention staff can create an imbalance in staff supervision, putting inexperienced personnel in situations for which they may not be prepared.

**Fact:** At the time of the Grand Jury visit the school lacked teachers for the subjects of Foreign Language and Algebra II.

**Finding 03:** The KMJDF does not offer all classes necessary to fulfill the A - G curriculum.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2014/2015 San Diego County Grand Jury recommends the San Diego County Probation Department:

15-58: Provide toilets inside rooms to which male youth are assigned.

15-59: Assign more officers with detention facility experience to Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility.

The 2014/2015 San Diego County Grand Jury recommends that the San Diego County Office of Education:

15-60: Offer the complete A – G curriculum at Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility.

# RANCHO DEL CAMPO, JUVENILE RANCH FACILITY

## **DISCUSSION**

The Rancho del Campo, Juvenile Ranch Facility (JRF), a juvenile male facility, is located approximately 65 miles east of the City of San Diego. Campo is an unincorporated community east of the Tecate Port of Entry and is surrounded by several mountainous areas.

JRF has a bed capacity of 250. The population at the time of this visit on November 14, 2014 was 69. Residents are housed in Campo I or Campo II depending on their program.

This is an historic facility. The exterior of the buildings appear dilapidated, and some facades were missing. The interior needs a coat of paint. The cost of asbestos removal makes it expensive to upgrade these buildings. The heating system does not function properly.

CAMPO II has evaporative coolers, which need to be replaced.

**Education:** Classes are held daily; residents are up by 6:40 A.M. Instruction begins at 7:40 A.M. and continues until to 2:45 P.M. There are six teachers and one special education teacher.

**Programs:** Substance abuse programs offered at this facility are modeled after the Phoenix House Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program. These programs are grounded in a therapeutic community concept with two seminars weekly covering topics such as drug abuse, alcohol education, life skills and philosophy.

There are also programs for Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), parent meetings, and encounter groups. Other programs teach the residents behavior modification techniques.

The Phoenix House model treats recovery as a three-part process: mental, spiritual and physical. It provides strategies to cope with the difficulties of early recovery during treatment and the concept of Right Living.

**Medical:** Medical staff includes a Registered Nurse (RN) present 16 hours a day. A Medical Program Manager oversees the medical staff and insures that personnel are properly trained. A pediatrician visits the camp once a week.

**Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA ACT of 2003):** Juveniles are interviewed and assessed upon arrival at this facility. They are provided with instructional material on an assortment of issues related to PREA. There is a pamphlet on sexual assaults. There are signs related to this subject posted throughout the grounds. Each juvenile facility has a

PREA Coordinator. The Probation Department Ombudsman is available for staff training and assistance.

**Vocational and Recreational:** The camp provides an assortment of vocational programs that assist the juveniles in transitioning back to their communities. Many programs are offered through the San Diego County Office of Education.

These programs include:

- Encounter Groups;
- Slip Groups;
- Stroke Groups;
- Re-Entry classes;
- Aggression Replacement Therapy;
- Social Tolerance:
- Character Counts/Six Pillars of Character Work Readiness;
- The local Shadow Mountain Church provides religious services.

The open area features a regulation football field and track. Juveniles can use this area to jog and build up endurance.

Table 3<sup>5</sup> Assaults, OC Spray and Runaways

JRF	2012	2013	2014
Suicides	0	0	0
Attempted Suicides	0	0	0
Assaults (Minors)	21	21	13
Assaults (Staff)	2	0	0
OC Spray (Fights)	32	23	9
OC Spray (Non-	5	10	1
fights)			
Deaths	0	0	0

**Dining Facility:** The facility was built in 1986 and seats two hundred-fifty plus people. It has all the modern equipment to feed large groups quickly. There are three walk-in freezers, each storing specific types of frozen food. The kitchen received an "A" rating.

## FACTS AND FINDINGS

**Fact:** Some buildings in this facility are over one hundred years old.

**Finding 04:** The buildings are dilapidated and would be costly to upgrade.

**Fact:** Camp Barrett has a capacity one hundred thirty-five.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Information provided by San Diego County Probation Department

**Fact:** At the time of the Grand Jury visit there were 69 youths at Rancho del Campo and 71 at Camp Barrett.

**Finding 05**: Each facility is underutilized.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2014/2015 San Diego County Grand Jury recommends that the San Diego County Probation Department:

15-61: Work with the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to merge Rancho del Campo with Camp Barrett.

## CAMP BARRETT JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY

## **DISCUSSION**

On November 21, 2014, the San Diego County Grand Jury visited Camp Barrett. The Camp is located in a rural area east of Jamul near Barrett Junction. It is a juvenile male facility with a capacity 135 youth from ages 16-18.

The Camp had a population of 71 at the time of the Grand Jury visit compared to 109 on November 1, 2013. This is a significant drop in population. There has been a population decline in this and all the juvenile facilities throughout the County.

## **Background**

A new Division Chief arrived in October 2014. The Division Chief directs 49 sworn officers and five Supervisors. Probation officers work 12-hour shifts with 16 officers per shift. There are three shifts. They rotate on a schedule of seven days on and seven days off.

There is also a support staff with three full time medical personnel and seven clerical staff. A psychologist is on site three days per week and available one day via Skype.

There is an educational staff of seven teachers including one Special Education teacher and a full time principal. The principal, located at Camp Barrett, is responsible for all five facilities and visits each frequently.

**Table 4<sup>6</sup> Incidents Reports** 

CBJDF	2012	2013	2014
Suicides	0	0	0
Attempted Suicides	0	0	0
Assaults (Minors)	13	18	18
Assaults (Staff)	2	2	1
OC Spray (Fights)	36	18	17
OC Spray (Non-fight)	6	6	3
Deaths	0	0	0

**Housing:** Housing at the Camp is dormitory style. Two of the four dormitories were in use. Dorm assignments are based on classification. One classification is youth who have gang affiliation, sophisticated crimes or violent tendencies and the other is for lower risk youth.

Each dorm has two sides with a probation officer at a desk between the two. The detainee's bathroom is behind the desk. Recently installed shower curtains provide some privacy and the toilets have a three foot wall between them. The entire complex is well maintained.

**Medical:** The youth have access to routine, chronic and emergency services. The residents are examined and receive immunizations as needed. They also have a dentist available once a week.

Youth desiring a medical appointment complete a request form and are seen within seven days based on urgency.

There is a full time Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) available 24 hours a day. Doctors from Rady's Children's Hospital visit weekly. A psychiatrist meets with patients through skype and prescribes medication.

The medical facility is too small. The Medical Director indicated that a larger space is needed and has a long standing request for expansion of the space.

Patients with serious impairments, illness or requiring regular medical care are not housed at Camp Barrett but at the Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility. 911 Emergency services are provided by Viejas Reservation and hospital needs are provided by Grossmont Hospital.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> San Diego County Probation Dept. statistics 2/27/15

**Video Monitoring:** Each room in the facility is monitored by video. Cameras have zoom technology and the video pictures are clear. Juveniles at the camp are easily identifiable.

**Visitation:** Visitation is allowed on Sundays only for parents, grandparents and guardians. Exceptions can be made under special circumstances.

The camp has twenty-four parents who visit each month. Only seventeen youth have regular visitors. Staff said it feels this is an extremely poor turnout. Reasons speculated for the low visitations are lack of transportation, remote location and fear of deportation.

According to facility staff, video conferencing could resolve many issues with family visitation, doctor and attorney visits. Skype is a limited resource because many parents do not have access to computers, smartphones or tablets.

**Education:** The school is run by the San Diego County Office of Education. It implements the core requirements for high school graduation and provides teachers for the mandatory courses. Students begin classes the day after they arrive. Youth who have protections provided by Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act and/or an Individual Education Plan (IEP) are accommodated.

Students lacking classes in their grade level are assigned to the appropriate classes. The standard is the A-G core curriculum as mandated by the State for admission to California State Colleges. New classrooms have been added.

The administrative office trailer is over 40 years old, appears to be non-ADA compliant and does not have adequate storage. A nearby lunch table is less than five feet from a toilet, an apparent health code violation.

**Programs:** The students are actively engaged in vocational training, work preparedness or transitional courses. The most popular course is Fire Science. The participants work with Cal Fire learning to clear brush, dig fire breaks and develop other skills leading to state certification. Some graduates are hired by fire authorities.

Other courses include certificated classes for culinary arts, barista, graphic design and horticulture. There are also classes for skills such as writing resumes, completing job applications and interviewing.

Eighty-two of the first one hundred seventy-four youth to complete the certification courses have found employment. Prospective employers include major retail corporations, large hospitality industry companies and labor apprenticeship programs.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 2013/2014 San Diego County Grand Jury Final Report(June 26, 2014) pg. 162

Other programs include:

- Substance Abuse:
- Anger Management;
- Gang Awareness;
- Parenting Classes;
- Teen Relationships Violence;
- Work Readiness programs such as Job Corps and Second Chance;
- Team Leader Program;
- Sports Saturday competitive games between dorms; and
- Independent Living Skills.

## FACTS AND FINDINGS

**Fact:** As of November 21 2014, Camp Barrett was occupied by 71 youth. Its capacity is 135.

**Fact:** The number of youth sent to this facility has been declining.

**Finding 06:** The facility is underutilized.

**Fact:** Funds have been expended on building a new school campus at Camp Barrett and installing a new camera system.

**Fact:** Video conferencing is not available.

**Finding 07:** Video conferencing would allow for visitation from remote locations.

**Fact:** Only parents, grandparents and guardians are allowed to visit.

**Fact:** Most parents do not visit their son(s) at Camp Barrett.

**Finding 08:** Families and youth could benefit from video conferencing.

**Fact:** The school office trailer has stairs and no ramp.

**Fact:** There is inadequate storage and office space in the administrative trailer.

**Finding 09:** The administrative trailer appears to be ADA non-compliant, has limited storage space and the toilet location appears to be a health hazard.

**Fact:** The medical facility is limited in size.

**Fact:** The Medical Director has requested funds to build a new or upgrade the existing medical office at Camp Barrett.

**Finding 10:** Camp Barrett will benefit from an expanded medical facility.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2014/2015 San Diego County Grand Jury recommends that the San Diego County Probation Department:

15-62: Replace the school administrative trailer.

15-63: Install video conferencing equipment at Camp Barrett.

15-64: Expand the medical office space at Camp Barrett.

## EAST MESA JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY

## **SUMMARY**

On December 5, 2014, the 2014/2015 San Diego Grand Jury visited the East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility (EMJDF). This facility, located near the U.S./Mexican Border, was built in 2004. EMJDF is considered a model juvenile lock down facility for male youth aged 14 to 20. The population has been trending down from two hundred fifty in 2012 to one hundred forty-eight in 2014.

East Mesa has seven self-contained housing modules, six of which are in use.

Adjudicated cases represent 90% of the population. The remaining 10% is awaiting court dates. The average stay is 60 days. The typical program commitment is nine months. The detainees can complete an improvement program, which qualifies them for early release or transfer to a less restrictive facility.

Table 5<sup>8</sup> O.C. Incidents, Assaults and Attempted Suicides

<b>EMJDF</b>	2012	2013	2014
Suicides	0	0	0
Attempted Suicides	1	0	1
Assault (Minors)	29	58	50
Assault (Staff)	6	17	14
O.C. (Fights)	182	168	113
O.C (Non-Fights)	9	16	2
Deaths	0	0	0

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<sup>8</sup> San Diego County Probation Dept. Statistics

**Housing:** The housing units have two levels with a shared common area. There are two wings per module. A central control room is used to store positive reinforcement items and treats.

Probation officers patrol the common areas. The youth are assigned one to a room. The rooms have a toilet, sink and drinking fountain. The housing modules contain two classrooms. Educators come to the unit to teach classes. Residents have two hours of recreation and exercise a day during the week and per day on the weekend.

**Video Capabilities:** The doors are all electronically controlled from the Central Hub Control Room, located where the halls meet like a wagon wheel. This control center allows constant visual surveillance of all sectors of the facility. The video system is an upgrade over the usual video systems at other facilities. There are two hundred forty cameras in the facility, all with zoom capability. Some rooms have cameras used to monitor youth with medical issues or who are on suicide watch.

Video conferencing and/or skype are not available. Parents and guardians are the only persons allowed to visit the facility. Siblings, mentors, and other significant people such as coaches or counselors, could have a positive impact on the outlook and mental status of the youth if it were available.

**Kitchen:** The youth receive three balanced meals a day and a snack for a total of two thousand eight hundred calories. Food is prepared at East Mesa Adult Detention Facility. Meals are quick chilled, then transferred to East Mesa Juvenile Facility for reheating and serving. Youth eat in their day room. After meals the young men are returned to their rooms to prepare for classes or other activities. The day is highly structured.

**Education:** All Juveniles are required to attend school from eight a.m. until two p.m. Thirteen credentialed teachers and three credentialed Special Education instructors are assisted by twelve aides and a counselor. Remedial courses are available. Long-term students can make up the credits needed to remain on schedule for their appropriate grade level. Some students take on-line classes for college credit.

Students who want a Diploma Equivalency (GED) can use the Odyssey computer program. All school supplies and textbooks are provided. Textbooks meet the A-G curriculum mandated by the State Department of Education for admission to California State Colleges.

**Programs:** Youth are required to participate in programs intended to ease their transition from the facility and to develop coping skills necessary for adulthood. The program offerings include but are not limited to:

- Microsoft Certifications;
- Work Readiness & Job Applications;
- Vocational Training;

- Gang Awareness;
- Breaking the Cycle of Violence;
- Conflict Resolution;
- Anger Management Training;
- Parenting Classes;
- Domestic Violence Awareness;
- ROP Horticultural Classes:
- Substance / Alcohol Abuse; and
- Family Reunification.

**Medical:** Upon intake juveniles are given a PREA questionnaire to determine if they have been a victim of sexual harassment, rape or sexually inappropriate behavior. Detainee's medical records are reviewed to determine if required vaccinations, physical examination and mental health assessments are current. Medical care is available 24/7.

San Diego County Public Health provides the medical history, doctors, psychologists and required medications. Those with medical needs are treated. Youth with significant medical needs are not housed at East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility but at Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention. A dentist visits EMJDF weekly.

A psychologist is available to counsel and support the detainees. A psychiatrist meets with youth who need medication for mental health issues.

## **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

Fact: Video conferencing is not available at East Mesa Juvenile Facility.

**Fact:** Most parents do not visit their son(s).

**Finding 11:** The remote location of the facility makes visitation difficult.

**Finding 12:** Video conferencing will allow communication between detainees and families, role models, attorneys, and doctors.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2014/2015 San Diego County Grand Jury recommends that the San Diego County Probation Department:

15-65: Implement the use of video conferencing at East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility.

Facility	OC spray (non-fight)		OC spray (fight)			
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
KMJDF	38	12	6	102	67	58
GRF	2	1	0	2	0	0
СВ	6	6	3	36	18	17
JRF	5	10	1	32	23	9
EMJDF	9	16	2	182	168	113
Total	60	45	12	354	276	197

The use of OC spray in the San Diego County Probation Detention Facilities continues to be a force option utilized in response to an articulable threat to youth or staff. OC use has declined over the last few years as the Probation Department has focused on reducing altercations and assaults on staff by employing intervention techniques designed to manage crisis. The department trains staff to intervene with youth to manage behavior before critical incidents occur. This focus has led to enhanced engagement between staff and youth where dialogue, reasoning, and understanding can be fostered.

## **COMMENDATION**

The 2014/2015 San County Grand Jury commends the San Diego County Probation Department for:

Embracing alternative methods for use of OC spray in dealing with juvenile detainees. This has resulted in substantial declines in OC incidents in the last three years.

Staff at all juvenile detention facilities, civilian and sworn, are commended for embracing a culture of positive reinforcement, dialogue and character development. This creates an environment conducive to behavior modification and self-confidence for detainees.

# REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The California Penal Code §933(c) requires any public agency which the Grand Jury has reviewed, and about which it has issued a final report, to comment to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of the agency. Such comment shall be made no later than 90 days after the Grand Jury publishes its report (filed with the Clerk of the Court); except that in the case of a report containing findings and recommendations pertaining to a department or agency headed by an elected County official (e.g. District Attorney, Sheriff, etc.), such comment shall be made within 60 days to the Presiding Judge with an information copy sent to the Board of Supervisors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Information provided by San Diego County Probation Department.

Furthermore, California Penal Code §933.05(a), (b), (c), details, as follows, the manner in which such comment(s) are to be made:

- (a) As to each grand jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:
  - (1) The respondent agrees with the finding
  - (2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.
- (b) As to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:
  - (1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.
  - (2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a time frame for implementation.
  - (3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This time frame shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.
  - (4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.
- (c) If a finding or recommendation of the grand jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the grand jury, but the response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision making authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.

Comments to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in compliance with Penal Code §933.05 are required from:

Responding Agency	Recommendations	Due Date
San Diego County Probation Dept.	15-58, 15-59, 15-61 to 15-65	08/31/15
San Diego County Office of	15-60	08/31/15
Education		